

separate by a ~~xxxxx~~ verse from the vision. The two are completely separate and distinct, in Daniel 2. When you come to the interpretation in Daniel 2, the interpretation is all, I believe, literal. It contains an occasional repetition. Whereas you saw this, this means this. The full meaning may not be expressed (explained) -- you can infer somethings sometimes. Except for repetition it is entirely literal.

When you come to ch. 7 the situation is very different. So different that I have made a list I think it would be interesting for you to look at. (Pass these out please). This is on the lower part of the page. I have mentioned that in ch. 7 the vision ~~is~~ runs from vv. 2-14. That vision is figurative except for ~~the~~ the last verse of it which would seem to be definitely literal. The rest is clearly figurative. I said with the possible exception of ~~xxx~~ much of vv. 9, 10 and 13. There are certain questions in those three vv. as to what is literal and what figurative.

As I say there the vision in ch. 7 runs from vv. 2-14. That is quite obvious. It is all figurative except the last verse (v. 14) "There was given him dominion, and glory and a kingdom that all people, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away . . ." That is a pretty literal statement.

How did he see that in the vision? Perhaps a voice said it, and he heard it. It is a quite literal statement. But the rest of the vision is figurative, except that in vv. 9, 10, and 13 there are certain statements on which we might have a question. We will look at them later in detail.

In ch. 7 the interpretation that is given is a part of the vision. Notice I said, Interpretation still in vision. The whole thing was a vision, but in the vision we read that Daniel came near to one of those who stood by and asked him the truth of all this and he told me making known the interpretation. Then we have an interpretation given which is only three vv. These three vv. are literal, with the possible exception of the phrase at the end of v. 17. Then the strange thing is that after he's been given this very brief interpretation which quickly summarizes the whole thing, then in v. 19 we find Daniel expresses his desire for more information and he repeats part of the vision. As he ~~repeats~~ repeats part of the vision he gives a little more detail than before.

So we have a further description of a part of the vision in vv. 19-22. Vv. 19-20 are clearly figurative. Vv. 21-22 are mostly literal. Then in answer to this further question which gave us further repetition in part of what he's seen already, then we have interpretation from vv. 23-28. It's interesting to see how different it is from the very simple interpretation we have in ch. 2.

That would be the assignment for today. We go back now to ch. 2. We were looking at

E. The Fifth Part of the Statue. I think I gave you # 2 under E. Note the symbolic meaning of potter's clay (weak or brittle).